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SUBJECT:PROFESSOR RICHARD WALKER

REF: JAKARTA 8287 AND PREVIOUS

1. MY ASSESSMENT CONTINUES TO BE THAT IF PROFESSOR WALKER VISITS AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME REVIVAL OF SENATOR BROWN'S SCURRILOUS CHARGES AND SLANTED MEDIA TREATMENT WILL PROBABLY BE SUCH AS TO IMPAIR US INTERESTS. SINCE EMBASSY AND AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL MELBOURNE ARE STRONGLY PERSUADED THAT APPEARANCE IN MELBOURNE WOULD BE DAMAGING POLITICALLY AND PHYSICALLY, I INTEND TO INSTRUCT USIS TO CANCEL THE MONASH UNIVERSITY MEETING.

2. HOWEVER, I RECOGNIZE PROFESSOR WALKER'S CONCERN ABOUT HIS PERSONAL IMAGE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT WE COULD GO THROUGH WITH QUIET APPEARANCES IN CANBERRA AND SYDNEY WITHOUT PUBLIC DAMAGE. IF PROFESSOR WALKER FEELS THAT HE MUST VISIT AUSTRALIA IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS OWN ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, THEN I WOULD SUGGEST THAT HE DO THE CANBERRA SYDNEY PORTION OF SCHEDULE,
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TRYING TO AVOID CONTROVERSY AND CONFRONTATION WITH

BROWN. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HE COULD PERHAPS RELEASE DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT SYDNEY EXPLAINING FACTUAL BACKGROUND OF GEORGETOWN CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS), OF AIRLIE HOUSE CSIS SEMINAR ON PACIFIC BASIN IN 1971 WHICH WALKER APPARENTLY CHAIRED, AND OF CSIS QUESTIONNAIRE OF 1972 ON AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL ATTITUDES. THESE HAVE ALL BEEN ATTACKED BY SENATOR BROWN. ALTERNATIVELY, HE COULD DEFEND HIS POSITION AND ROLE OF GEORGETOWN CENTER BY MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON. THEY FAR MORE LIKELY TO GIVE FAIR PRESENTATION OF WALKER AND GEORGETOWN CENTER'S ROLE THAN LOCAL PRESS.

3. I AM TRYING TO REACH WALKER BY TELEPHONE TO EXPLAIN WHY I STILL FEEL HE SHOULD DELETE AUSTRALIA FROM HIS ITINERARY. I WILL USE POSITION OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE AS FALLBACK. SINCE I MAY FAIL TO REACH HIM, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING GIST OF THIS MESSAGE TO HIM AND CABLING AN URGENT REPLY ON HIS REACTION.

4. IF WALKERS COME TO CANBERRA, I OF COURSE WANT THEM, AS OLD FRIENDS, TO STAY AT MY HOUSE.
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